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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AIR FORCE
BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

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1 March 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: War Diary, February 1945.

Reference: (a) Pac Fleet conf. ltr. 1CL-45.

Enclosure: (A) Monthly Operation Summary, February 1945.

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ORGANIZATION

(a) Administrative:

Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Fleet Air, West Coast.
Commander Fleet Airships Pacific.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - Tillamook, Oregon.
Lieutenant Commander Frederick N. Klein, Jr., USNR.

(b) Operational:

Commander, Western Sea Frontier (Task Force 06)
Commander, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Group 06.3)
Commander Aircraft, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Unit 06.3.1)
Commander Fleet Airship Wing Three.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - NAS Tillamook, Oregon.
6 ZNP: K-37, K-71, K-79, K-87, K-103, K-119.

Operations during February consisted mainly of escorts and patrol operations within the Northwestern Sector of the Western Sea Frontier. The average daily availability as of the close of the month is five airships, four of which are customarily utilized for escort missions, special missions, or patrols and one for radar calibration tests and exercises. NAAS Shelton is used as a base for airships conducting radar operations.

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While providing coverage for USS SUWANNEE (CVE 27), the K-119 received a blinker message for retransmission.

K-87 conducted radar calibration for USS FRANKLIN (CVE 13) in vicinity of Puget Sound Navy Yard.

2 February

The K-37, K-119, K-79 and K-71 conducted an intensive search covering an area from the coast to approximately ten miles seaward from the Straits of Juan de Fuca to the 42nd parallel for a crashed PBY. Results were negative.

K-87 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

3 February

K-79 conducted search for crashed PBY from Tillamook to Heceta Head. Results were negative.

K-87 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

4 February

K-87 conducted search for crashed PBY in vicinity of Heceta Head. Results were negative.

6 February

The K-79 returning from an escort of USS JERAULD (APA 176) was forced to land at NAAS Quillayute due to high winds.

K-119 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

7 February

Airships of this command were grounded due to the most severe gale recorded in this area for thirty-four years. Gusts reached 70 knots in operating areas.

8 February

K-79 arrived at NAS Tillamook, having successfully ridden out the severe storm mentioned under entry of 7 February on the field at NAAS Quillayute. Gusts in excess of 50 knots were recorded on the air speed indicator during the riding out.

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14 February

K-103 arrived from NAS Moffett Field after major overhaul.
K-79 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.
K-103 conducted a search in the vicinity of Long Beach, Washington for possible survivors of the capsized fishing vessel, Republic. Results were negative.

15 February

K-119 conducted a search for a mine reported by a Russion merchant ship in the vicinity of 47° 30' North, 129° 15' West. Results were negative. While on the search mission the K-119 sighted a cork life raft at JPAC 854253. Report of the sighting was made to Air Plot, Astoria.
K-71 while on patrol sighted an empty life raft at JPAD 021242. The sighting was reported to Air Plot, Astoria.
K-79 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

16 February

K-103 while on patrol sighted an empty life raft 8 miles west of Destruction Island. Report of the sighting was made to Air Plot, Astoria.

18 February

K-79 made a training flight to test and indoctrinate personnel in the use of instrument landing control unit.

19 February

K-79 made a training flight to test and indoctrinate personnel in the use of instrument landing control unit.

20 February

Rear Admiral Charles E. Rosendahl, USN, Chief of Naval Airship Training and Experimentation, visited this squadron.
Two training flights with different crews were made by the K-79 to test and indoctrinate personnel in the use of instrument landing control unit.

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21 February

Air Control, Northwestern Sector passed information to this command that the Coast Guard lookout at Cape Sebastian reported hearing a shot presumably from small arms, and shortly thereafter heard noises like submarine motors which lasted for fifteen minutes. In accordance with Air Control's request, the K-87 was sent to this area and conducted an intensive visual and magnetic search. Results were negative.

22 February

K-71 relieved the K-87 and conducted a submarine search between the 42nd and 43rd parallels approximately 25 miles off Cape Sebastian. Results were negative.

K-79 conducted a night search in conjunction with the Coast Guard vessel SHAWNEE off Cape Sebastian for an enemy submarine. Results were negative.

23 February

K-71 conducted a night search of the Cape Sebastian area for enemy submarines. Results were negative.

K-37 at request of USS COLBERT (APA 145) relayed her position to Commander Northwestern Sector, Western Sea Frontier on landing.

24 February

K-87 conducted radar calibration for USS SHIELDS (DD 596) and also conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

K-37 conducted a night search of the Cape Sebastian area for enemy submarines. Results were negative.

25 February

K-37 conducted a night search of the Cape Sebastian area for enemy submarines. Results were negative.

26 February

K-71 conducted a night search of the Cape Sebastian area for enemy submarines. Results were negative.

27 February

K-79 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.

K-119 conducted a night search of the Cape Sebastian area for enemy submarines. Results were negative.

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28 February

K-79 conducted operations with radar laboratory, Puget Sound Navy Yard.
K-119 took off on a night search of the Cape Sebastian area for enemy submarines.

Due to weather there was one non-operational day during the month. Weather data recorded at NAS Tillamook indicated that in the month of February there were 25 days with precipitation. Total precipitation was 9.11 inches. Wind in gusts up to 56 knots was recorded by aerology.

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MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 1945 (MONTH)

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DESIGNATION:
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ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC
COMPOSITION: 6 ZNP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS
BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON
NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, SHELTON, WASHINGTON.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
1	K37	LIEUT. LEWIS (9)	SEARCH	1342	4.4	4.4	37	160t	50	220	32-43, 1500, 2	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR CRASHED PBY; RESULTS NEGATIVE.
1	K79	LIEUT. LEVIN (10)	PATROL	1357	4.0	3.0	40	155t	12	48	35-40, 150-600, 1-5	2 MK 47 DEPTH BOMBS	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (311830); BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
1	K87	LT(JG) PRIEST (5)	UTILITY	0825	2.8	2.8	25	025t	40	112	10-40, 5000, 10-25	NONE	CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS FRANKLIN (CV 13).
1	K119	LT(JG) BAILEY (8)	ESCORT (1)	0739	9.7	8.9	38	175t	30	291	27-45, 0-800, 0-5	NONE	ESCORTED USS SUWANNEE (CVE 27)
2	K37	LIEUT. KLICK (8)	SEARCH	0813	.7	.7	32	175t	20	14	27-38, 1000-1500, 8-10	NONE	SEARCH FOR PBY; RETURNED TO BASE DUE ENGINE TROUBLE.
2	K37	LIEUT. KLICK (8)	SEARCH	0957	6.3	6.3	32	175t	37	233	27-38, 1000-1500, 8-10	NONE	RESUMED SEARCH FOR PBY; RESULTS NEGATIVE.
2	K71	ENS. CUSHMAN (9)	TEST	0846	2.4	2.4	15	175t	35	84	10-20, 2000, 5	NONE	TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES.
2	K71	LT(JG) BABB (8)	SEARCH	1153	4.8	4.8	33	175t	18	86	28-37, 500-1000, 10	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR PBY, RESULTS NEGATIVE.
2	K79	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	SEARCH	0727	8.4	8.4	28	135t	41	344	20-35, 500-2000, 10	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR PBY, RESULTS NEGATIVE.
2	K87	LT(JG) MACKEY (7)	UTILITY	0907	7.4	7.4	22	130t	50	370	8-35, 2000-5000, 10-20	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
2	K119	LT(JG) LEE (8)	SEARCH	0755	7.9	7.9	35	135t	35	277	30-40, 1000, 5-20	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR PBY, RESULTS NEGATIVE.
3	K37	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	ESCORT (1)	0616	11.8	11.3	35	200t	40	472	25-43, 1000-3000, 4-12	NONE	ESCORTED USS FRANKLIN (CV 13)
3	K71	LIEUT. LEVIN (8)	ESCORT (1)	0640	13.3	12.4	30	170t	30	399	25-45, 400-1000, 4-10	NONE	ESCORTED USS CASABLANCA (CVE 55)
3	K79	LIEUT. LEWIS (8)	SEARCH	0725	11.2	11.2	26	220t	26	292	20-34, 1000-3000, 5-20	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR PBY, RESULTS NEGATIVE.
3	K87	LT(JG) PRIEST (6)	UTILITY	0909	3.3	3.3	25	220t	40	132	20-30, 500-4000, 3-20	NONE	SCHEDULED SHIP CALIBRATION CANCELLED DUE WEATHER; CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
3	K87	LT(JG) PRIEST (11)	MISCELLANEOUS	1323	5.1	5.1	30	190t	26	133	20-45, 1000-3000, 15	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAS, SHELTON, TO NAS, TILLAMOOK.
3	K119	LT(JG) BAILEY (8)	ESCORT (1)	0701	13.7	12.8	35	170t	24	329	22-50, 0-5000, 0-10	NONE	ESCORTED USS CROCKET (APA 148)
4	K37	LT(JG) BABB (8)	PATROL	0840	9.0	8.5	37	170t	35	315	30-43, 600-1000, 2-5	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (032116).
4	K71	LIEUT. ANDERSON (8)	PATROL	0738	10.7	10.1	28	120t	35	375	20-36, 0-600, 0-20	NONE	PATROLLED XRAY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (032116).
4	K79	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	PATROL	0804	10.9	10.1	35	170t	54	589	18-40, 0-1000, 0-10	NONE	PATROLLED XRAY 6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (032116).
4	K87	LIEUT. KLICK (8)	SEARCH	0800	9.4	9.4	20	180t	25	235	20-35, 300-500, 2-5	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR PBY, RESULTS NEGATIVE.
4	K119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (8)	PATROL	0737	9.6	8.9	28	180t	32	307	22-36, 100-1000, 1-10	50 RDS 50 CAL 6 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (032116).
5	K71	LT(JG) ZOELLER (9)	PATROL	0712	11.7	11.0	18	270t	43	503	10-28, UNL, 15	60 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (042200).
5	K79	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	ESCORT (1)	0535	13.8	12.9	20	200t	45	621	18-33, 1000-UNL, 15-25	NONE	ESCORTED USS ELMORAN (APA 222)
5	K87	LIEUT. LEVIN (9)	PATROL	0732	11.5	10.7	18	230t	50	575	10-25, 1000-2000, 30	20 RDS 30 CAL 12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	PATROLLED XRAY 6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (042200).
5	K119	LT(JG) BABB (11)	MISCELLANEOUS	1312	2.7	2.7	20	230t	55	149	20, 1500-2000, 15-20	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS, TILLAMOOK TO NAAS, SHELTON.
6	K71	LT(JG) GAEBE (8)	PATROL	0726	9.0	8.1	33	180t	30	270	33, 600-1000, 4-10	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (052050).
6	K79	LT(JG) LEE (8)	ESCORT (1)	0435	11.2	10.5	35	180t	43	482	17-45, 300-1000, 1-10	NONE	ESCORTED USS JERAULD (APA 174) LANDED QUILLAYUTE DUE WEATHER.
6	K87	LT. COMDR. JENNINGS (9)	PATROL	0756	8.7	8.3	38	145t	48	418	20-41, 800-2000, 5-25	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (052050).

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
6	K119	LT(JG) BABB (9)	UTILITY	1742	3.8	3.8	15	145t	50	190	10-20, 2000-3000, 8	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY
8	K71	LIEUT. CARTON (8)	PATROL	0818	9.1	8.6	25	270t	52	472	23-30, 800-3000, 2-15	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (072236).
8	K79	LIEUT. LEVIN (14)	MISCELLANEOUS	1157	3.1	3.1	23	300t	45	140	19-26, 1000-2000, 0-15	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAS QUILLAYUTE TO NAS TILLAMOOK.
8	K87	LIEUT. KLICK (9)	ESCORT (1)	1148	7.9	7.1	22	240t	40	316	15-27, 500-4000, 4-12	NONE	ESCORTED USS FLAND (APA 134)
8	K119	LT(JG) BABB (9)	MISCELLANEOUS	1403	3.4	3.4	30	300t	48	163	25-35, 800-1200, 4-5	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAS, SHELTON, TO NAS, TILLAMOOK.
9	K71	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	PATROL	0732	10.8	10.3	13	190t	50	544	7-17, 2000-6000, 20	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (081936)
9	K87	LT(JG) BAILEY (8)	ESCORT (1)	0717	14.4	13.9	15	170t	50	722	10-20, 5000, 20	NONE	ESCORTED USS CLERMONT (APA 143)
9	K119	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	PATROL	1118	7.2	6.6	15	180t	45	324	10-20, 2000-3000, UNL	NONE	PATROLLED AREA 6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (081936).
10	K71	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	PATROL	0716	9.2	8.8	14	200t	42	386	8-18, 50-200, 0-10	25 RDS 50 CAL 1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	PATROLLED AREA 6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF VERBAL ORDERS; AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
10	K79	LIEUT. KLICK (9)	PATROL	0735	10.5	10.1	10	180t	45	473	7-15, 200-UNL, 1-30	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF VERBAL ORDERS.
10	K87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	PATROL	0746	10.7	10.2	12	180t	50	535	7-17, 0-1500, 0-8	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF VERBAL ORDERS.
11	K71	LT(JG) HARPER (8)	ESCORT (1)	1029	11.6	11.0	12	300t	50	580	6-18, 3000, 20	NONE	ESCORTED USS ROSSUE (APA 135)
11	K79	LIEUT. LEVIN (8)	ESCORT (7)	0634	14.4	13.5	25	280t	32	461	15-35, 400-2000, 4-20	NONE	ESCORTED 7 LST's AND 1 ATR.
11	K87	LT(JG) HAYNES (8)	ESCORT (2)	0537	14.5	13.6	14	320t	47	682	7-20, 2000-5000, 4-8	NONE	ESCORTED USS KALMIA (ATO 23) TOWING APL 33.
11	K119	LT(JG) BAILEY (8)	TRAINING	0927	11.3	11.3	20	270t	45	509	20-33, 1000-6500, 5-15	NONE	SHIP TO BE ESCORTED NOT CONTACTED DUE TO DELAYED SAILING TIME. OPERATIONAL CHECK FLIGHT, NEW FLIGHT CAPTAINS.
12	K71	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	0722	6.9	6.9	37	180t	50	345	28-43, 0-600, 0-1	2 MK 41 DEPTH BOMBS	RETURNED TO BASE; UNABLE TO CONTACT MISSION DUE WEATHER. BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
12	K79	LT(JG) BABB (9)	PATROL	0731	5.7	4.5	26	180t	48	274	23-30, 500-1500, 1-4	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (112042).
12	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	MISCELLANEOUS	0658	4.9	4.9	35	160t	33	162	25-45, 0-200, 1-5	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB 1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	RETURNED TO BASE BEFORE CONTACTING MISSION DUE WEATHER. BOMBS DROPPED FOR TRAINING.
12	K119	LIEUT. KLICK (9)	MISCELLANEOUS	0904	4.5	4.5	35	160t	25	113	25-45, 500, 1	1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB 1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	RETURNED TO BASE BEFORE CONTACTING MISSION DUE WEATHER. BOMBS DROPPED FOR TRAINING.
13	K37	LT(JG) BAILEY (9)	ESCORT (1)	0931	13.3	12.6	28	330t	45	599	20-40, 1000-3000, 5-20	NONE	ESCORTED SS ROBIN KIRTLEY.
13	K71	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	ESCORT (1)	0710	15.0	14.2	30	330t	45	675	25-35, 1000-2000, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED SS IMPERIAL.
13	K79	LT(JG) BABB (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	0730	9.2	9.2	22	000t	45	414	10-31, 1000-1500, 25-30	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT TO NAAS, SHELTON. (LAYED TO, AWAITING INCREASED VISIBILITY AT GRAYS HARBOR.)
13	K103	LT. COMDR. JENNINGS (6)	MISCELLANEOUS	1541	13.8	13.8	23	065t	57	787	19-28, 3000, 20	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS MOFFETT FIELD TO NAS TILLAMOOK.
14	K37	LIEUT. KLICK (8)	ESCORT (1)	0504	15.9	15.3	28	325t	35	557	20-36, 1500-2500, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED USS CLERMONT (APA 143)
14	K71	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (8)	TRAINING	0657	12.3	12.3	25	320t	44	541	15-35, 2000-3000, 15	NONE	MISSION NOT CONTACTED; SHIP TO BE ESCORTED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. CONDUCTED NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHT
14	K79	LT(JG) MACKEY (7)	UTILITY	0907	7.1	7.1	7	200t	45	320	4-10, 1000-4000, 5-20	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
14	K103	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	SEARCH	1200	7.8	7.8	27	330t	50	390	25-33, 1000-2000, 15-20	NONE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS OF CAPSIZED FISHING VESSEL. RESULTS NEGATIVE.

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DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
14	K119	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	ESCORT (1)	0259	15.2	14.5	30	330t	28	426	25-40, 2000-3000, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED USS GENERAL O.F. ERNST (AP 133)
15	K37	LT(JG) HAYNES (10)	PATROL	0720	11.9	11.2	10	270t	53	631	5-15, 1000-4000, 8-25	NONE	PATROLLED XRAY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (141924).
15	K71	LT(JG) BAILEY (9)	PATROL	0725	12.7	11.6	12	270t	43	546	10-15, 5000, UNL	1 MK 5 FLARE 3 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (141924). SIGHTED EMPTY LIFE RAFT JPAD 021242.
15	K79	LT(JG) BABB (7)	UTILITY	0905	7.3	7.3	8	180t	50	365	6-10, 2000-UNL, 15-20	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
15	K103	LT(JG) ZOELLER (9)	PATROL	0724	12.5	12.0	12	000t	46	575	5-15, 1500-UNL, UNL	50 RDS 50 CAL 1 MK 41 DEPTH BOMB	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (141924). AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
15	K119	LIEUT. LEVIN (9)	SEARCH	0604	13.0	13.0	8	270t	50	650	2-12, 1000-3000, 15-30	5 MK 4 FLARES 1 MK 5 FLARE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR MINE AT 47° 30' N, 129° 18' W. RESULTS NEGATIVE.
16	K37	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (8)	PATROL	0734	11.5	10.8	25	175t	50	575	20-30, 600, 2	9 MK 4 FLARES	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (151950).
16	K71	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (8)	PATROL	0714	11.7	10.8	25	200t	50	585	15-35, 0-6000, 0-30	NONE	PATROLLED XRAY 6 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (151950).
16	K79	LT(JG) MACKEY (7)	UTILITY	0905	3.5	3.5	5	135t	48	168	3-8, 3000-4000, 8-10	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
16	K79	LT(JG) BABB (9)	MISCELLANEOUS	1404	3.7	3.7	20	045t	45	167	15-24, 1500-2000, 2-12	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAS, SHELTON, TO NAS, TILLAMOOK.
16	K103	LT(JG) LEE (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	0713	3.3	3.3	14	110t	52	172	12-16, 5000-6000, 25	NONE	LANDED NAAS QUILLAYUTE; SIGHTED EMPTY LIFE RAFT 8 MILES WEST OF DESTRUCTION ISLAND.
16	K103	LT(JG) LEE (8)	TRAINING	1040	1.6	1.6	17	080t	19	30	15-21, 5000-7000, 12-20	NONE	FAMILIARIZATION FLIGHT OF QUILLAYUTE AREA.
16	K103	LT(JG) LEE (9)	MISCELLANEOUS	1223	4.1	4.1	18	100t	46	179	15-24, 2000-5000, 15	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAS, QUILLAYUTE TO NAS, TILLAMOOK.
16	K119	LIEUT. WORFEL (8)	PATROL	0719	12.0	11.3	30	200t	40	480	20-40, 150-2000, 1-30	NONE	PATROLLED XRAY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (151950).
17	K37	LT(JG) PRIEST (10)	ESCORT (2)	0447	12.7	11.4	35	330t	40	508	15-50, 1000-2000, 10-UNL	NONE	ESCORTED USS KALMIA (ATO 23) TOWING YF 751.
17	K71	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	ESCORT (1)	0648	13.8	13.2	30	020t	30	345	21-38, 900, 10	NONE	ESCORTED USS CLINTON (APA 144)
17	K79	LT(JG) BABB (7)	UTILITY	0716	6.4	6.4	18	045t	46	295	8-28, 1000-4000, 20	NONE	SCHEDULED SHIP CALIBRATION TESTS CANCELLED PRIOR TO CONTACT DUE TO WEATHER. CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
17	K87	LT(JG) BIRKMIRE (9)	TRAINING	0955	3.3	3.3	10	045t	30	99	8-12, 2500, UNL	NONE	TRAINING FLIGHT TO TEST AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF INSTRUMENT LANDING CONTROL UNIT.
17	K87	ENS. JACKSON (8)	TRAINING	1321	4.4	4.4	10	300t	40	176	10-1000, UNL	NONE	TRAINING FLIGHT TO TEST AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF INSTRUMENT LANDING CONTROL UNIT.
17	K103	LIEUT. LEVIN (8)	PATROL	0708	6.3	5.6	35	000t	36	227	30-40, 800, 10	12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (161856). BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLAST
17	K103	LT(JG) ZDRALE (8)	PATROL	1333	5.6	4.7	22	345t	45	252	17-28, 600-UNL, 10-30	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (161856).
17	K119	LT(JG) HAYNES (8)	ESCORT (2)	0443	15.2	14.7	18	000t	40	608	7-25, 500-UNL, 5-35	NONE	ESCORTED USS KALMIA (ATO 23) TOWING YF 751.
18	K37	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (8)	PATROL	0726	11.6	11.0	15	015t	35	406	5-20, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (171832).
18	K71	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	ESCORT (1)	0708	15.3	14.4	8	345t	46	704	5-12, UNL, 25	NONE	ESCORTED USS COLBERT (APA 145)
18	K79	LIEUT. HOSMER (14)	TRAINING	1001	3.1	3.1	6	000t	45	139	2-8, UNL, UNL	2 MK 4 FLARES 5 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 MK 47 DEPTH BOMB	TRAINING FLIGHT TO TEST AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF INSTRUMENT LANDING CONTROL UNIT. AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.

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ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC
COMPOSITION: 6 ZNP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS IN AIR	HOURS ON MISSION	AVE. WIND VEL. (KTS)	AVE. WIND DIR.	SPD.	DIST.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
18	K87	LT(JG) LEE (8)	PATROL	0745	12.1	11.3	20	000t	44	532	12-25, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (171832)
18	K103	LT(JG) BABB (14)	PATROL	0906	8.0	7.3	14	020t	50	400	10-23, UNL, 35	20 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLLED XRAY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (171832)
18	K119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (8)	ESCORT (2)	0645	17.5	16.8	20	330t	40	700	15-25, 2000-6000, 25	NONE	ESCORTED USS KALMIA (ATO 23) TOWING YF 751.
19	K37	LT(JG) HAYNES (8)	PATROL	0707	12.2	11.5	25	280t	46	561	8-30, 1000-8000, 10-30	1 MK 5 FLARE	PATROLLED XRAY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (181812).
19	K71	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	PATROL	0650	12.3	11.6	20	200t	42	517	7-30, 600-UNL, 2-UNL	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (181812) .
19	K79	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (10)	TRAINING	1343	1.0	1.0	3	200t	40	40	0-5, UNL, UNL	NONE	TRAINING FLIGHT TO TEST AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF INSTRUMENT LANDING CONTROL UNIT.
19	K79	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	TRAINING	1511	1.4	1.4	10	200t	35	49	8-12, UNL, UNL	NONE	TRAINING FLIGHT TO TEST AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF INSTRUMENT LANDING CONTROL UNIT.
19	K87	LT(JG) ZDRALE (8)	ESCORT (2)	0541	10.9	10.3	8	180t	40	436	5-12, UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED USS TATNUCK (ATO 27) AND TOW.
19	K103	LT(JG) BABB (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	1322	2.3	2.3	10	180t	65	150	5-15, 4000-5000, 25	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS, TILLAMOOK, TO NAAS, SHELTON.
19	K119	LIEUT. KELLY (8)	PATROL	0645	12.3	11.5	10	030t	45	554	5-16, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (181812).
20	K37	LT(JG) LEE (8)	ESCORT (1)	0305	16.6	16.1	10	345t	29	481	5-20, 2000-UNL, 10	NONE	ESCORTED SS BLOMFONTEIN
20	K71	LT(JG) AYERS (9)	ESCORT (1)	0251	14.4	13.6	16	345t	42	605	10-24, 1000-5000, 15	NONE	ESCORTED USS GENERAL M.M. PATRICK (AP 150)
20	K79	LT(JG) PRIEST (10)	TRAINING	0933	4.0	4.0	10	330t	30	120	5-15, 2000, 15	NONE	TRAINING FLIGHT TO TEST AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF INSTRUMENT LANDING CONTROL UNIT. OBSERVED BY CNATE.
20	K79	LT(JG) ZDRALE (9)	TRAINING	1335	1.6	1.6	15	330t	45	72	15, 3000, UNL	NONE	TRAINING FLIGHT TO TEST AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF INSTRUMENT LANDING CONTROL UNIT.
20	K87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	PATROL	0708	12.1	11.0	10	000t	50	605	3-23, 1000-3000, 15	10 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 120 RDS 50 CAL 40 RDS 30 CAL	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (192212).
20	K103	LT(JG) BABB (6)	UTILITY	0851	10.1	10.1	8	270t	50	505	5-13, 5000-UNL, 10-20	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
20	K119	LIEUT. KLICK (8)	PATROL	0712	12.2	11.6	14	290t	40	488	12-15, 1000-2000, UNL	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (192212).
21	K37	LT(JG) HAYNES (8)	ESCORT (1)	0727	13.5	13.0	15	200t	45	608	5-33, 150, 1	NONE	ESCORTED USS GILBERT ISLANDS (CVE 107)
21	K71	LT(JG) BAILEY (10)	PATROL	0804	11.1	10.7	15	250t	51	566	4-28, 150-2000, 8	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (201920).
21	K79	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	PATROL	0818	11.0	10.5	15	300t	45	495	4-24, 0-5000, UNL	NONE	PATROLLED XRAY 7 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CNWSWSF DISPATCH (201920).
21	K87	LT(JG) ZOELLER (9)	ESCORT (1)	0806	12.6	12.2	15	270t	31	391	6-34, 300-1000, 4	NONE	ESCORTED SS TABINTA.
21	K87	LT(JG) LEE (9)	SEARCH	2254	12.9	12.9	12	000t	40	516	2-25, 3000-UNL, 10-UNL	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
21	K103	LIEUT. KLICK (7)	TRAINING	1332	1.9	1.9	8	180t	40	26	5-10, 500-1000, 10	NONE	TRAINING FLIGHT TO TEST AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN USE OF INSTRUMENT LANDING CONTROL UNIT.
22	K37	LIEUT. KLICK (9)	ESCORT (1)	0402	14.2	13.7	20	220t	40	580	10-30, 500-2000, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED SS BOSCHFONTEIN
22	K71	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (8)	SEARCH	0711	12.2	12.2	20	320t	57	695	20, UNL, 5-20	3 RDS 50 CAL	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
22	K79	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	SEARCH	1911	15.8	15.8	14	345t	47	743	10-18, 3000, 10	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
22	K87	LT(JG) BABB (7)	MISCELLANEOUS	1301	2.7	2.7	14	200t	61	165	12-16, 2000, 2-8	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS, TILLAMOOK, TO NAAS, SHELTON.
22	K103	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	ESCORT (1)	0945	12.5	11.9	20	320t	50	625	12-30, 1000-2000, 15	NONE	ESCORTED SS BOSCHFONTEIN

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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23	K37	LT(JG) ZDRALE (8)	ESCORT (1)	0935	12.6	11.7	15	330t	45	567	15-25, 1000-2000, 15	NONE	ESCORTED USS COLBERT (APA 145)
23	K71	LIEUT. ANDERSON (8)	SEARCH	0400	13.2	13.2	15	350t	45	599	8-20, 600-UNL, 5-30	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
23	K79	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	SEARCH	1820	15.8	15.8	23	045t	56	845	17-35, 800-1500, 10	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
23	K87	LT(JG) MACKEY (6)	UTILITY	0900	7.5	7.5	6	000t	50	375	4-8, 1500-2500, 5-25	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY
23	K103	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	ESCORT (1)	0531	12.0	11.6	13	000t	27	324	10-16, UNL, 10	NONE	ESCORTED USS COLBERT (APA 145)
24	K37	LT(JG) AYERS (9)	ESCORT (1)	0329	15.3	14.8	15	355t	54	826	10-20, 1000-2000, 15	NONE	ESCORTED USS SEA PANTHER
24	K37	LT(JG) ZDRALE (8)	SEARCH	1742	14.1	14.1	20	000t	47	663	10-32, UNL, 6-15	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
24	K71	LIEUT. KLICK (8)	SEARCH	0320,	12.0	12.0	20	045t	40	480	10-25, UNL, UNL	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
24	K87	LT(JG) MACKEY (7)	UTILITY	0852	6.8	6.8	10	045t	50	340	7-15, 600-2000, 2-10	NONE	CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR USS SHIELDS (DD 596); AND CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LAB PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.
24	K87	LT(JG) MACKEY (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	1630	3.3	3.3	10	345t	60	198	10, 5000, 25	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAAS, SHELTON, TO NAS, TILLAMOOK.
24	K103	LIEUT. KELLY (8)	PATROL	0939	10.2	9.3	16	045t	50	510	10-23, 2000, 25	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCWSF DISPATCH (232108).
25	K37	LIEUT. KLICK (8)	SEARCH	1853	16.0	16.0	20	045t	40	640	15-35, 6-1000, UNL	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
25	K71	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	PATROL	0710	11.8	11.3	5	000t	42	497	0-10, 1500-UNL, UNL	3 MK 23 FLAC BOMBS	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCWSF DISPATCH (241905)
25	K87	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	ESCORT (1)	0714	12.4	11.8	12	000t	40	496	6-28, 1000-UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED USS CORTLAND (APA 75)
25	K103	LT(JG) STONE (8)	ESCORT (1)	0600	14.2	13.7	15	275t	42	596	10-20, 600-1000, 10-20	NONE	ESCORTED USS CORTLAND (APA 75)
26	K71	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	PATROL	0717	10.7	10.2	27	330t	39	417	15-32, 1000-2000, 3-12	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCWSF DISPATCH (251840)
26	K71	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	SEARCH	1849	17.6	17.6	33	325t	35	616	8-35, 4000-UNL, 2-UNL	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
26	K79	LT(JG) MACKEY (8)	MISCELLANEOUS	1316	4.0	4.0	20	325t	45	180	13-25, 800-2000, 15	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAS, TILLAMOOK, TO NAAS, SHELTON.
26	K87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	PATROL	0711	11.9	11.3	40	330t	50	595	11-52, 0-1500, 0-15	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCWSF DISPATCH (251840)
26	K103	LT(JG) GAFFE (9)	PATROL	0705	11.9	11.2	35	330t	27	321	25-44, 5000, 10-20	NONE	PATROLLED BRAY 5 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCWSF DISPATCH (251840)
27	K37	LT(JG) HARPER (8)	ESCORT (8)	0907	12.9	12.2	26	000t	47	606	15-26, UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED 8 LSTs
27	K79	LT(JG) BABB (6)	UTILITY	0850	7.4	7.4	25	025t	50	370	15-30, 1200, 10-15	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
27	K87	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	ESCORT (8)	0407	12.7	12.1	20	000t	50	635	10-30, UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED 8 LSTs
27	K103	LT(JG) STONE (8)	PATROL	0706	12.2	11.7	30	350t	40	488	15-30, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCWSF DISPATCH (262118)
27	K119	ENS. JACKSON (10)	TEST	0915	4.4	4.4	15	000t	50	220	10-20, UNL, UNL	NONE	TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES
27	K119	LT(JG) ZIMEL (11)	SEARCH	1902	14.3	14.3	25	350t	48	686	7-40, 2000-UNL, 15-30	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE
28	K37	LT(JG) AYERS (9)	ESCORT (8)	0618	17.7	17.5	25	340t	45	797	15-35, UNL, 20	NONE	ESCORTED 8 LSTs
28	K79	LT(JG) MACKEY (7)	UTILITY	0844	7.5	7.5	5	020t	50	375	0-7, 4000-Unl, 15	NONE	OPERATION WITH RADAR LAB, PSNY.
28	K87	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (8)	PATROL	1051	10.6	10.0	20	000t	45	477	20, 2000, 10-20	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND SOUTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCWSF DISPATCH (272238)
28	K103	LIEUT. KLICK (8)	PATROL	0644	12.5	12.0	12	345t	45	526	12, 100-UNL, 1-UNL	NONE	PATROLLED BAKER AND NORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CINCWSF DISPATCH (272238)
28	K119	LIEUT. LEWIS (8)	SEARCH	1854	5.1	5.1	15	045t	40	204	15, 2000-3000, 5-10	NONE	SUBMARINE SEARCH, RESULTS NEGATIVE

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SPECIAL ACCOUNTS OF ATTACKS, RESCUES, ACCIDENTS, AND OTHER EVENTS OF PARTICULAR HISTORICAL VALUE.

1 FEBRUARY: WHILE PROVIDING COVERAGE FOR USS SUWANNEE (CVE 27), THE K119 RECEIVED A BLINKER MESSAGE FOR RETHAN MISSION.
K87 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS FRANKLIN (CVE 13) IN VICINITY OF PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

2 FEBRUARY: THE K37, K119, K79 and K71 CONDUCTED AN INTENSIVE SEARCH COVERING AN AREA FROM THE COAST TO APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES SEAWARD FROM THE STRAITS OF JUAN DE FUCA TO THE 42ND PARALLEL FOR A CRASHED PBY. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.
K87 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

3 FEBRUARY: THE K79 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR CRASHED PBY FROM TILLAMOOK TO HECETA HEAD. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.
K87 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

4 FEBRUARY: K87 CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR CRASHED PBY IN VICINITY OF HECETA HEAD. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

6 FEBRUARY: THE K79 RETURNING FROM AN ESCORT OF USS JENAULD (APA 176) WAS FORCED TO LAND AT NAAS QUILLAYUTE DUE TO HIGH WINDS.
THE K119 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

7 FEBRUARY: AIRSHIPS OF THIS COMMAND WERE GROUNDED DUE TO THE MOST SEVERE GALE RECORDED IN THIS AREA FOR THIRTY-FOUR YEARS. GUSTS REACHED 70 KNOTS IN OPERATING AREAS.

9 FEBRUARY: K79 ARRIVED AT NAS TILLAMOOK, HAVING SUCCESSFULLY RIDDEN OUT THE SEVERE STORM MENTIONED UNDER ENTRY OF 7 FEBRUARY ON THE FIELD AT NAAS QUILLAYUTE. GUSTS IN EXCESS OF 50 KNOTS WERE RECORDED ON THE AIR SPEED INDICATOR DURING THE RIDING OUT.

14 FEBRUARY: K103 ARRIVED FROM NAS MOFFETT FIELD AFTER MAJOR OVERHAUL.
K79 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.
K103 CONDUCTED A SEARCH IN THE VICINITY OF LONG BEACH, WASHINGTON FOR POSSIBLE SURVIVORS OF THE CAPSIZED FISHING VESSEL, NEPTUNE. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

15 FEBRUARY: K119 CONDUCTED A SEARCH FOR A MINE REPORTED BY A RUSSIAN MERCHANT SHIP IN THE VICINITY OF 47° 30' NORTH, 129° 15' WEST. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE. WHILE ON THE SEARCH MISSION THE K119 SIGHTED A CORK LIFE RAFT AT JPAC 854253. REPORT OF THE SIGHTING WAS MADE TO AIR PLOT, ASTORIA.
K71 WHILE ON PATROL SIGHTED AN EMPTY LIFE RAFT AT JPAD 021242. THE SIGHTING WAS REPORTED TO AIR PLOT, ASTORIA.

K79 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

16 FEBRUARY: K103 WHILE ON PATROL SIGHTED AN EMPTY LIFE RAFT 8 MILES WEST OF DESTRUCTION ISLAND. REPORT OF THE SIGHTING WAS MADE TO AIR PLOT, ASTORIA.

18 FEBRUARY: K79 MADE A TRAINING FLIGHT TO TEST AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN THE USE OF INSTRUMENT LANDING CONTROL UNIT.

19 FEBRUARY: K79 MADE A TRAINING FLIGHT TO TEST AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN THE USE OF INSTRUMENT LANDING CONTROL UNIT.

20 FEBRUARY: TWO TRAINING FLIGHTS WITH DIFFERENT CREWS WERE MADE BY THE K79 TO TEST AND INDOCTRINATE PERSONNEL IN THE USE OF INSTRUMENT LANDING CONTROL UNIT.

21 FEBRUARY: AIR CONTROL, NORTHWESTERN SECTOR PASSED INFORMATION TO THIS COMMAND THAT THE COAST GUARD LOOKOUT AT CAPE SEBASTIAN REPORTED HEARING A SHOT PRESUMABLY FROM SMALL ARMS, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER HEARD NOISES LIKE SUBMARINE MOTORS WHICH LASTED FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIR CONTROL'S REQUEST, THE K87 WAS SENT TO THIS AREA AND CONDUCTED AN INTENSIVE VISUAL AND MAGNETIC SEARCH. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

22 FEBRUARY: K71 RELIEVED THE K87 AND CONDUCTED A SUBMARINE SEARCH BETWEEN THE 42ND AND 43RD PARALLELS APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES OFF CAPE SEBASTIAN. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

22 FEBRUARY: K79 CONDUCTED A NIGHT SEARCH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COAST GUARD VESSEL SHAWNEE OFF CAPE SEBASTIAN FOR AN ENEMY SUBMARINE. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

23 FEBRUARY: K71 CONDUCTED A NIGHT SEARCH OF THE CAPE SEBASTIAN AREA FOR ENEMY SUBMARINES. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

K37 AT REQUEST OF USS COLBERT (APA 145) RELAYED HER POSITION TO COMMANDER NORTHWESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER ON LANDING.

24 FEBRUARY: K87 CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION FOR USS SHIELDS (DD 596) AND ALSO CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

K37 CONDUCTED A NIGHT SEARCH OF THE CAPE SEBASTIAN AREA FOR ENEMY SUBMARINES. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

25 FEBRUARY: K37 CONDUCTED A NIGHT SEARCH OF THE CAPE SEBASTIAN AREA FOR ENEMY SUBMARINES. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

26 FEBRUARY: K71 CONDUCTED A NIGHT SEARCH OF THE CAPE SEBASTIAN AREA FOR ENEMY SUBMARINES. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

27 FEBRUARY: K79 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.
K119 CONDUCTED A NIGHT SEARCH OF THE CAPE SEBASTIAN AREA FOR ENEMY SUBMARINES. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

28 FEBRUARY: K79 CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH RADAR LABORATORY, PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.
K119 CONDUCTED A NIGHT SEARCH OF THE CAPE SEBASTIAN AREA FOR ENEMY SUBMARINES. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

DUE TO WEATHER THERE WAS ONE NON-OPERATIONAL DAY DURING THE MONTH.

AIRSHIP OPERATIONS

MISSION	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DAY	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS NITE	FLIGHT HOURS IN AIR	FLIGHT HOURS ON MISSION	TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN
ESCORT	35		474.7	451.2	19056
ESCORT-PATROL					
PATROL	42		439.2	410.8	19235
PATROL-UTILITY					
SEARCH	13	8	223.0	223.0	9428
SEARCH-PATROL					
TRAINING	11		45.9	45.9	1851
TRAINING-PATROL					
UTILITY	13		80.9	80.9	3917
TEST	2		6.8	6.8	304
MISC. (FERRY 12)	15	1	77.0	77.0	3617
TOTAL 140	131	9	1347.5	1295.6	57408

AIRSHIP OPERATIONS

AIRSHIP	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS DAY	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS NITE	AVAILABLE	FLIGHT HOURS IN AIR	FLIGHT HOURS ON MISSION	TOTAL GROUND MILES FLOWN
K- 37	19	2	20	254.2	244.1	10865
K- 71	25	1	28	295.7	283.4	12433
K- 79	25	2	28	203.0	196.6	8881
K- 87	26	1	24	236.8	227.6	10428
K- 103	18	1	15	162.8	155.9	7133
K- 119	18	2	22	195.0	188.0	7668
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TOTAL	131	9	137	1347.5	1295.6	57408

PILOT FLIGHT DATA

PILOT CLASS	NUMBER FLIGHTS	AVE. PILOTS AS'GN'D	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	AVE. FLIGHT HOURS	HIGHEST HOURS	LOWEST HOURS
COMMAND	127	18	1200.8	66.7	140.6	0
SENIOR	169	15	1763.0	117.5	148.9	7.9
JUNIOR	120	8	1077.1	134.6	157.0	12.5
TOTAL		41	4040.9	98.6		

AVERAGE NUMBER OF AIRSHIPS ASSIGNED (A) 5.46 (B) 0 5/7

TOTAL NUMBER SURFACE VESSELS ESCORTED 59

ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES

DEPTH BOMBS	12
MINIATURE BOMBS	51
50 CALIBER MACHINE-GUN 328 (30 CAL 240)	568
BRONZE SLICKS	
FLOAT LIGHTS	19
PYROTECHNICS	

5/7 (B) IS WING POOL AIRSHIPS AND IS INCLUDED IN (A).

NOTE: AIRSHIP OPERATIONS, AVAILABLE COLUMN - NUMBER OF DAYS EACH SHIP WAS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS.

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